

## Letter from Mabel Hubbard Bell to Alexander Graham Bell, April 21, 1891, with transcript

Letter from Mrs. Alexander Graham Bell to Dr. Alexander Graham Bell. Wednesday, April 21, 1891. My dear Alec:

The hour hands are fast stealing towards the “wee sma' hours” so you are to get only a short note. I wish you were here if only to attend the Natl. Academy meetings and to hear the discussion on Professor Langley's flying machines. Of course the papers treat him more respectfully than they would anyone else, still they cannot resist a sly joke now and again.

Nothing to record. Mr. McCurdy is working all day in the laboratory on the graphophone and he and Miss True went to a concert this evening. I have labored over my plants and tried to draw a curve showing their heights and colors a la. Graham Bell, but found it a more difficult matter than it looked. Please look after the vegetable garden at Crescent Grove and the floors at B. B., the upstairs ones look very badly. Vegetation here is in full spring glory. Even Beinn Bhreagh cannot rival Washington in its early spring array of tender green leaves, white apple blossoms, pink peach blooms and the hundreds of gay flowering shrubs Nature or the hand of man has so liberally dotted over the face of city and country, gardens.

Papa walks on crutches, he is quite lame from his foot. Grace fell flat on the pavement from her carriage and struck against a stone hurting her chin and bruising her legs, other parts of her body. She thought of course she had killed her baby, but it seems all right, the accident was some days ago, she feels very well and 2 is very big. Mr. Pollok asked Charlie before Mrs. Pollok and two young ladies if the twins had arrived! Imagine Grace's feelings.

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Lovingly yours, Mabel.